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Nixons Enjoy

Turkey at

Mountain Retreat

CAMP DAVID (Md.) — (AP) — President Nixon marked the Thanksgiving holiday in the rustic surroundings of his mountain-top retreat with a family dinner and expressions of hope for peace.

This year was the first time since coming to the White House that the Nixons observed the holiday at the presidential resort in the Catoctin Mountains. It was set as a family affair with no outside guests invited.

The President, his wife Pat, daughters Julie and Tricia and son-in-law Edward Cox gathered for the occasion. The only absent family member was son-

in-law Lt. (j.g.) David Eisenhower, who had his turkey dinner somewhere in the Mediterranean, where his ship, the guided-missile cruiser USS Albany, is on station.

Yesterday, the president took a major step toward establishment of regular air and sea links with mainland China by removing the ban on stops by airliners in the Communist country.

Lifting the prohibition does not automatically clear the way for scheduled stops by U.S. airlines, officials said. Other steps must be taken, but Nixon's action eliminates a major barrier.

Navy stewards from the White House mess cooked the presidential Thanksgiving dinner. On the menu were roast turkey with bread stuffing and giblet gravy, whipped potatoes, green peas with onions, fresh cranberry salad molds, minted pears, hot dinner rolls and pumpkin pie with whipped cream.

Nixon took a holiday break from a week-long round of conference with cabinet and top administration officials on his second-term plans. But he scheduled more meetings tomorrow with Secretary of Transportation John Volpe and Secretary of Housing and Urban Development George Romney and on Monday with Attorney General Richard Kleindienst.

Nixon issued the traditional presidential Thanksgiving Day proclamation a week ago, calling on Americans to offer expressions of gratitude for the country's blessings, including the "promise of peace" and urging them to "embrace the elderly and less fortunate as special celebrants in the day's events."

With his adviser Henry Kissinger currently negotiating for a Vietnam cease-fire with the North Vietnamese in Paris, Nixon said in his holiday proclamation:

"At this Thanksgiving time our country can look back with special gratitude across the events of a year which has brought more progress toward lasting peace than any other year or generation past; and we can look forward with trust in Divine Providence toward the opportunities which peace will bring."